

# **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)**



## *Sexual Assault in Jail . . .*

### *What You Need To Know*

Sexual Assault, sexual contact, and sexual misconduct, whether consensual or non-consensual, is strictly forbidden. Any sexual contact between inmates, staff, volunteers, visitors, or any other individual is a violation of the rules of this facility. The Lake County Sheriff's Office maintains a zero tolerance for Inmate-on-Inmate sexual assault, staff sexual misconduct and sexual harassment toward inmates or staff. Any person found violating this rule will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

### ***From The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction***

#### **Facts Related to Sexual Assault:**

1. Anyone, male or female can be sexually assaulted.
2. Rapist can be male or female
3. Age is not a factor concerning sexual assault.
4. Physical attractiveness is not a factor.
5. Sexual orientation is not a factor concerning sexual assault. A rapist may be either heterosexual or homosexual. The victims may be either heterosexual or homosexual.
6. Nobody "*asks to be raped*". The victim of an assault is not at fault. Sexual assault is a crime of violence and has nothing to do with lust or passion.
7. Cleveland/Lake Rape Crisis Hotline at 216-619-6194

#### ***ODRC Suggestions On Sexual Assault Avoidance for inmates:***

1. Avoid isolated areas when possible
2. When possible stay within eyesight of correctional staff
3. Be aware of your body language. Do not walk with your head down and eyes lowered
4. Do not accept food, cigarettes, clothing or other items from inmates. Do not go into debt in any manner. You may be expected to "repay" these debts with sex.
5. Beware of inmates that say they will protect you. Protection frequently has a cost also.
6. Do not give out information about your family, friends or financial status.
7. Do not purchase large amounts of commissary or otherwise give the impression of having money available to you.

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